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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR:	ATOMIC ABSORPTION SPECTROPHOTOMETER

Enclosed are:

- 13 sheets of formal informal drawings.
- Transmittal of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-022390 to claim priority date of January 30, 2003
- An assignment of the invention to Hitachi Naka Instruments Co., Ltd.
- An Executed Declaration
- An Information Disclosure Statement
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